Diversion of Forest Laud for the . purpose of issuing Title Deeds

968. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased t_0 state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Central Government on the request of Kerala State for the diversion of reserved forest land for the purpose of issuing title deeds; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Clearance of Pooyankut.ty Hydro Electric Project

969. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pooyankutty hydro-electric project has been cleared from the environment angle;

(b) if so, when it was cleared; and

(c) if not, wha_t are the objections raised by the environment authorities?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. This project was accorded environmental approval in June 1985 but has been rejected from forestry angle in November, 1988.

Hydro Electric Projects from Kerala pending Clearance

970. SHRI M. A. BABY; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of hydro electric projects from Kerala State pending clearance with the Central Government from environmental angle;

(I) what are the reasons for pending of these projects;

(c) since when these projects are pending; and

(d) what steps have been taken for clearing the pending projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R, ANSARI); (a) to (c) Two projects, viz., Anakkayam Small Hydel Scheme and Adirapally Hydel Project, are awaiting environmental clearance. These projects have been referred to j thi_s Ministry in March, 1986 and January, 1989 respectively but these could not be considered due to non-availability Of environmental details sought.

(d) To expedite decision on these projects, a Working Group was consti-j tuted by the Ministry which has already visited the project sites from 9th to 13th February, 1989 and held detailed discussions with the project authorities. The project authorities have been requested for clarifications regarding migratory route of wild elephants, impact on Adirapally water falls and forest land requirement.

Afforestation in Kerala

971. SHRI M. A. BABY; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to State:

(a) whether any proposal is being considered for the afforestation of Kerala's deforested areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The target for afforestation programme is fixed on year to year basis in consultation with the State Governments.

(b) During 1988-89 the target is 1750 lakh seedlings and progress upto December, 1989 is 1353 lakh seedlings.

Spying by Military Attache of Pakistan

972. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY.- Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's military attache in New Delhi,